

**Community Development  
Regular Meeting  
June 24, 2003 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Boardroom**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Bernie Vigue, Jim Horton and Susan Waukau. Dave Grignon, Pat Corn and Wendell Askenette were absent and Twila Peters was present in place of Wendell Askenette. Also present for the meeting; Stephanie Awonohopay, Angela Loudbear, Shawn Klemens, Tom Litzow and Lew Boyd.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated May 14, May 16 and May 20, 2003-**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to approve the minutes dated May 14, May 16 and May 20, 2003. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Building (Dwelling) Codes-**

Bernie Vigue informed the committee that he did not have any information for the committee to review at the time of the meeting.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Pow-Wow Update-**

Stephanie Awonohopay was present and gave the committee an update.

Stephanie Awonohopay stated that there is a big problem with the seating at the bowl. Many of the seats are broken and the wood is in bad shape. MTE is having a meeting this week and will decide whether or not they will donate the lumber to replace the seats. Another problem is, if MTE does decide to donate the lumber who will do the work and where will the money come from to pay for all the extras such as nails and tools etc.

Stephanie informed the committee that there are trees at the top of the bowl that have oak wilt and if the trees are not treated they will die. Bernie stated that Community Development will see if they can come up with the money to pay for the chemical treatments.

Stephanie stated that when the 4-wheeler tore up the dancing grounds the ruts were never taken care of and there are now a lot of little hills and dips in the ground which could be dangerous for dancers. Chairperson Laurie Boivin stated that her and her husband will donate the services to level the area and re-seed it.

Stephanie requested that the Tribe contribute \$2,000 to the Pow-Wow as the Legislature

approve the same amount for the Veteran's Pow-Wow that was in May.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to ask the Menominee Tribal Legislature to donate \$2,000 to the 2003 Menominee Nation Contest Pow-Wow. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Chairperson Boivin informed Stephanie that as the Pow-Wow gets closer, if there is a need for the committee to meet she should not hesitate to ask.

**6. DisGen Discussion/Lew Boyd-**

Lew Boyd stated that DisGen is putting in a grant request to do a feasibility study for alternative energy on the reservation as long as they are able to do the work. Lew stated that the Tribe is under no commitment to pursue the project any further than the feasibility study. The project will not cost the tribe anything and the information may be useful in the future.

Lew stated that if the contracts are not signed by July 1, 2003 the plan is dead.

Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding the issue and the committee all agreed that the feasibility study should be done as long as it will not cost the tribe anything to do it and as long as there is no further obligation in pursuing the project.

Chairperson Laurie Boivin stated that she will speak to Tribal Chairperson Joan Delabreau to see if she will sign the contracts.

**7. Smokey Falls Bridge-**

Bernie Vigue stated that Scott Nordin of Nordin-Pedersen Associates LTD, inspected the walk bridge by Smokey Falls and his recommendation was to replace it as soon as funds are available. Bernie also stated that the bridge by the Logging Museum needs to be replaced also. Bernie stated that money can come out of the roads project money.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to recommend that Smokey Falls Bridge and Logging Museum Bridge come out of the Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**8. Merit & COLA Increases-**

Dave Corn of Tribal Utilities, Shawn Klemens of Transportation, Bernie Vigue of Community Development and Tom Litzow of Loan Fund were all present to request that the committee make a recommendation lifting the merit & COLA increase freeze from their departments.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to release the wage/COLA increase freeze for Tribal Utilities and that it be retro active from October 1, 2002 for merit increases and from January 1, 2003 for COLA. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent, 1-abstention (Dave Corn). Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to release the wage/COLA increase freeze for Loan Fund and that it be retro active from October 1, 2002 for merit increases and from January 1, 2003 for COLA. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of**

the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to release the wage/COLA increase freeze for Transportation and it be retro active only if the other departments with Transportation can pay for the increases. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent, 1-abstention (Bernie Vigue). Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to release the wage/COLA increase freeze for Community Development and that it be retro active from October 1, 2002 for merit increases and from January 1, 2003 for COLA if the budget allows for it. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for (including Chairperson Laurie Boivin), 0-opposed, 3-absent, 2-abstentions (Vigue and Horton). Motion carried.**

**9. Commercial Leases-**

Information only, no action was taken.

**10. Supermarket Update-**

Chairperson Boivin stated that the supermarket is closed and that there have been liquidation sales to try and clear the shelves.

Chairperson Boivin stated that the committee needs to look at other uses for the building. One suggestion was to possibly have a slot machine operation with a deli. Committee members would like to have it converted into something for the youth.

Nothing really can be done with the building unless the repairs are completed and currently no one has the money for the repairs.

**11. Middle Village Street Lights-**

Dave Corn was a little upset at the fact that repairing the street lights was thrown into his departments lap. Dave stated that some of the lights were shot out by guns and yet nobody will point any fingers to make individuals responsible for paying for the lights instead of departments. Dave stated that he will pay for the current bill out of his budget but if it happens again he won't be able to afford it.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue that the street lights on BIA roads will be covered by Roads Maintenance Contracts. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**12. Other Business-**

Committee reviewed a request that needed committee approval from Donna & William Beauprey. The couple is looking for approval to place a double wide on Sarah Skubitz property with Sarah's permission. The problem is that years back the Legislature made a motion that no one could build next to the Wolf River.

After lengthy discussion, committee decided that Donna and William will need to pay for a

certified survey and the committee needs to know exactly where they are going to build and how far it is away from the Wolf River.

Bernie had a request from Craig Anderson from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW). Bernie stated that the request is basically asking the tribe to make a financial contribution. With the current budget situation committee dismissed the request. No action was taken on the issue.

Bernie Vigue is looking for committee support in making Advance Construction redo the pipes according to specifications and to fix the road they damaged by all the trucks they brought in.

Bernie stated that he withheld \$100,000 because of the job they did. Bernie stated that most likely the situation will end up in court.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to take \$100,000 that Community Development withheld from Advance Construction to pay for the reinstalling the pipes as specified and to pay for the repair of the road per BIA specifications. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee would like to discuss the issue of the tribe becoming a tobacco distributor.

**13. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services